

Lady Bulldogs Tested in Stockton

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season 43-54 to the Lady Tigers in Stockton on December 19.

The girls played a close game throughout most of the four quarters. The 'Dogs trailed 7-8 at the end of the first. The Tigers pressured the ball much of the second to pull ahead 27-15 by the half.

The girls continued to struggle to get the ball to the inside during the third as Coach Parker Christensen encouraged them to "Play Smarter" and to "Value the Ball," as the Tigers extended their lead to 42-23.

The Bulldogs finally shook off their troubles in the fourth as they fought back with multiple scores by senior Maggi Nieman and her teammates. With a final three point shot from junior Amanda Cheney at the buzzer, the Lady 'Dogs had brought the game back to within 11 for the 43-54 loss.

Junior KayCee Miller led the 'Dogs with 13 points. Nieman added 7 along with Noel Ritter 6, Ashley Stoll 5, Kaylie Schaben 5, Mabel Lugo 4, and Amanda Cheney 3. "It was a rough start," said Coach Christensen, "but we competed better in the second half." The girls, with a 4-1 record before break, will be off until January 5 when they host Logan in Rexford.